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CONFIRMATION NO. 9509

Applicant : Yuji KAMIKAWA

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For : Liquid Processing Apparatus

RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 5

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir :

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 19, 2003 (Paper No. 5). A response is due by June 19, 2003.

Paper No. 5 required restriction between the following three groups of claims:

- Group I of claims 1-13, drawn to a rotary apparatus;
- Group II of claims 14-18, drawn to an apparatus with transfer means; and
- Group III of claims 19-31, drawn to an apparatus with rotor.

Applicant hereby elects Group I of claims 1-13, drawn to a rotary apparatus, for prosecution in this application. The election is made without traverse.

Applicant reserves the right to file divisional application(s) for the non-elected claims in due course.

Applicant submits that this application now is in condition for examination on the merits and early action in that regard is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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